**McNamara McCarthy School of Irish Dance Family Organization**

**Meeting Minutes 08-28-2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:21pm.

Meeting minutes were discussed and approved. Angie Heding motioned to approve and Doug Heding seconded. Motion passed.

President – We currently have 70 dues paying families, which is 71% of the families enrolled in MM.

Treasurer- Our current bank balance is $31,169.62. There are expenses pending. Glencastle has not cashed their check from the golf outing. We are waiting for invoices from the MM Feis. The MMFO bank balance is separate from the Feis bank balance. MMFO’s balance is $10,505.

Current expenditures for the Irish Fest Deck is $4,892, which have been paid. We have one additional invoice coming from Irish Fest for additional beverages ordered the day of.

**Committee Reports:**

Golf Outing-

Overall the Golf Outing was a huge success. We had 80 golfers, with an additional 40+ for dinner. Feedback received was very positive.

We will need a new venue for next year. Dan Richards will be researching different venues.

Suggestions/improvements for next year are as follows-

Lower priced/separate child dinner tickets

Make food available for the dancers after the performance.

Bartenders to make customers aware of what is included in open bar and what isn’t.

Make Jameson part of the open bar.

Make some items available as part of a paddle auction, as well as the silent auction.

Two hour open bar instead of one hour.

11:00am Start time for golfers, 10am check in time.

Let people know you don’t have to be a good golfer to participate.

Feis Committee-

Bonni Fredrick was not present, but relayed everything went well and she will give a more detailed report at the September meeting.

Irish Fest –

Feedback regarding the deck and beverages was positive. The deck presented the opportunity for families to mingle with other families they would not have otherwise met.

Suggestions/improvements for next year.

Have an event on the deck, maybe a drawing for a prize or a group photo. This would get families onto the deck to socialize more.

The question was asked- If MM performs on multiple days at Irish Fest, will we be able to have a deck for all days? Dan Richards stated he will know more in March of 2023 and will sign us up for a deck for all days that MM performs. However, MMFO would not be able to afford to provide beverages for the entire weekend. Suggestions were made to no longer have free beverages, but have beverages available for a donation of half the cost of the beverage, while MMFO picks up the other half. If this is done, then we could lower the cost of the guest wristband to $10 each, as we would be getting more funds in donations.

**Old Business:**

Regarding the new board position of Fundraising Chair. At the June meeting, a nomination was made from the floor for Dan Richards. As of today, no other member has shown interest in the position. Joe Anderer made a motion to nominate Dan Richards as Fund Raising Chair. Angie Heding seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Updating the By-Laws. The by laws were updated and reviewed by Bonni Fredrick. The suggested changes will go out with the next membership email for membership approval at the September meeting.

**New Business:**

Dan Richards is checking into having a winter bowling fundraiser. More details will be coming in September.

Christmas party planning has begun. Angie Heding is heading the committee. Sunday, December 11th is the proposed date. It is recommended to find a new venue, as much as we appreciate O’Donohue’s Pub, the venue is too small. Several suggestions were made, including the New Berlin VFW post. Joe Anderer and Doug Heding will check into the availability of this venue this week. We will be selling wine/rocks/ornaments again as part of our Christmas party fundraising efforts.

This is our first meeting as part of a new fiscal year for MMFO. Per our by-laws, we are required to evaluate the cost of membership for our families. There were no monetary reasons presented to increase or decrease the cost of dues. A motion was brought by Dan Richards to keep the cost of membership as is ($15/year). It was seconded by Lori Strangberg. Motion passed.

**Discussion:**

There was discussion to create an account, where at least 10% of all fundraising be placed into said account. This account would be a base for monies to defray dance families costs. Whether it be for national dancers, dancer costumes or a scholarship for families struggling to pay dance tuition. More discussion on this at our next meeting.

There was discussion to have all membership dues invoiced at the beginning of our fiscal year, which is July 1st, instead of every 12 months. There was also a suggestion to give new dance families (mini and beginners) their first year of MMFO membership for free. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn by Angie Heding and seconded by Lori Strangberg.

The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.